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] Application No. 10/590,681 ]  
Filed: August 25, 2006 ] Examiner:  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Section 1.97 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and prior to the issuance of a first office action, record is hereby made of information the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application which was filed on August 25, 2006, under 35 U.S.C. 371. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this IDS.

EP 1 107 340 A2 (in English) is cited in the specification of the subject application.

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority of the corresponding International Application:

EP 0 851 518 A1 (in English; corresponds to US 5,776,624)

EP 1 009 051 A1 (in English)

WO 03/044886 A2 (with English Abstract; corresponds to US Publ. 2005064267)

DE 102 35 598 A1 (with English Abstract)

US 6,383,678 B1

Copies of the International Search Report with Written Opinion of the ISA, which is in the English language and serve as a statement of relevance for any of the non-English references, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

The following additional documents were cited in the basic German priority application (DE 10 2004 009 869.7):

DE 195 32 791 A1 (with English Abstract)

DE 195 47 669 C2 (with English Abstract; corresponds to CA 2224270)

JP 59154774 A (with English Abstract)

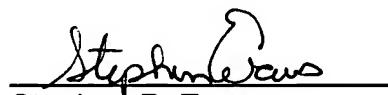
Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed herewith, along with Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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